

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 12, as follows:

Conventional electronic control units for a vehicle ~~is~~are so constructed as to write particular data into an EEPROM (electrically-erasable and programmable read only memory) available for use in electrically updating the data. The particular data may be diagnostic information and control learning values etc. required to be continuously stored even if the supply of operation power source is suspended. This data is referred to as continuous storage object data. The electronic control unit thus constructed can continuously store and update the data even if a battery is disconnected or discharged completely.

Please amend the paragraph at page 13, beginning at line 21 as follows:

As described above, it is determined that the increment condition has been established when ~~i-th~~has been detected, with the processes as the detecting means, that the predetermined running conditions specified by the regulation for the diagnosis object item has been satisfied to the data of the denominator (that is, a vehicle has entered the predetermined running operation specified with the regulation for the diagnosis object item).